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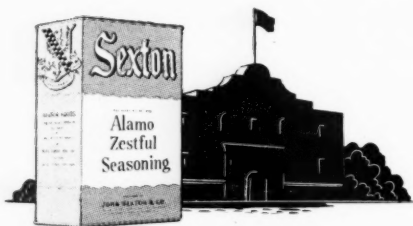
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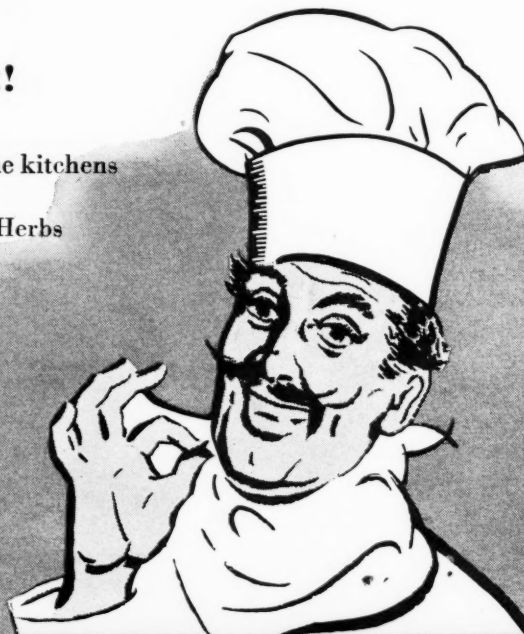
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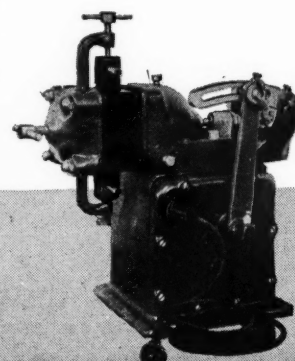
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An Administrative Handbook

By R. P. Brimm

ONE OF THE most valuable administrative devices for a camping program is a handbook of operation. The title of such a pamphlet is of little importance. It may be called "The Administrative Handbook," "Job Analysis of the Camp," or by any other appropriate name. The value of the handbook will be obvious to any camp director who takes the time necessary to compile the information. Counselors will find the handbook an invaluable aid in adjusting to the new situation.

To the administrator, a primary value of a handbook lies in its potentiality as

an evaluative device. It is in reality a complete analysis of the camp. From it the director may discover certain strengths and weaknesses in his program and make changes for improvement.

A completed handbook should not be looked upon as the ideal program. It should be considered as a point of departure rather than a plateau of achievement. It embodies an analysis of the present status of the camp, upon which is to be built a better and more effective program. Through this medium the director can exert constructive leadership in numerous ways.

An efficient administrator attempts to anticipate administrative problems which will arise during the camp season. He will be unable to anticipate all problems but written suggestions on those problems which can be foreseen will aid materially in efficient operation. Such a policy should also promote better relationship with staff and result in a program that operates more smoothly.

Benefits for Staff

Staff should benefit to a marked degree by utilizing information and suggestions of the handbook. New personnel will be more quickly oriented. Uniformity of practice will be secured that is difficult to achieve by other means. Responsibilities will be definitely fixed; there will be less of the confusion which usually results from overlapping of undefined duties.

A handbook may serve not only as a guide for counselors but also as a source of reference materials which have been collected during previous camp seasons. In-service training programs can be improved by this readily available source of information.

It is obvious that such a handbook must be designed for the specific camp which is to use it. An analysis of the jobs, policies and program in one camp will not fit the needs of another. The general make-up of the book may be the same and the same subjects covered, but the material in each camp handbook must be adapted to the peculiar situation existing there. Material can be compiled by someone in close contact with all phases of the program or, preferably, by the cooperative efforts of the staff. Unless problems are carefully analyzed in light of the unique situation of a specific camp, the handbook may be of little or no value to either administrator or staff.



Material for a handbook can best be compiled by the cooperative efforts of the staff.

Format

Handbook format must first be determined by the administrator. It may vary from a set of mimeographed loose-leaf sheets to an elaborate publication. The first year's attempt at such a project will probably be inadequate but nevertheless valuable. Succeeding years of revision will iron out many difficulties and produce an indispensable book.

Physical set-up of the handbook need not follow a set pattern. The important consideration is that it embody the important data concerning the camp. These should cover not only those elements which will aid smooth camp operation and provide the administrator opportunity to evaluate his camp but also give the staff information and suggestions which will lead to a better program.

Contents

A suggestion of the contents is presented in Table I. It is not intended as a complete or logical arrangement, but as an example of what might be included. Additional headings may be added to meet specific needs of your own camp.

Job analyses of the various duties should be as concise as possible, yet impart the full intended meaning. Counselors who are following instructions want them presented in such a way that they will need no interpretation and will require a minimum of time to read. For example, duties of the riflery instructor might be presented as in Table II.

Space should be provided in the handbook for counselors to jot down items which they feel will improve it.

For optimum results, the completed handbook should be used properly. As previously mentioned, a written analysis permits director and staff to evaluate

all phases of camp operation and improve it. Counselors will profit additionally if the handbook is available before the season starts. The first staff meeting may well be spent in a careful study of

major items and during the season a carefully thought-out, comprehensive administrative handbook will prove a frequently used and very helpful source of reference.

TABLE I

I. General Introduction and Philosophy of Camp.	E. Regulations
II. Administrative Procedures.	1. Use of Telephones
A. Organization of Staff	2. Laundry
B. Organization of Camper groups	3. Guests
C. Office Practices	4. Smoking
D. Budget	5. Days off
E. Insurance	6. Storage
F. Public Relations	7. Transportation
III. Physical Plant	8. Special Privileges
A. Map of Camp	VIII. Duties
B. Map of Sewerage Disposal System	A. General Activities
C. Maintenance	B. Cabin Counselor
IV. Local Community	C. Riflery Instructor
A. Map of Community	D. Archery Instructor
B. Community Resources for Program	E. Crafts Instructor
C. Relations with Local Community	F. Boating Instructor
V. Health and Safety	G. Intra-Camp Athletic Director
A. General Health and Safety Precautions	H. Horsemanship Instructor
B. First Aid - Medical Care	I. Nature Study Instructor
C. Fly and Mosquito Control	J. Nurse
D. Fire Drills and Equipment	K. Mess Hall and Kitchen Personnel
E. Care of Latrines	L. Maintenance Personnel
F. Garbage Disposal	M. Waterfront Director
VI. Policies of Camp	IX. Swimming Program
A. Staff Participation in Administration	X. Daily Programs
B. Camper Participation in Administration	XI. Evening Activities
C. Discipline	XII. Awards System
VII. Counselor's Instructions	XIII. Trips Away From Camp
A. Pre-camp Training Schedule	XIV. Special Events
B. In-service Training Schedule	XV. Camp Calendar
C. Counselor's Responsibilities	XVI. Appendix
D. Counselor's Equipment	A. Sample Forms
	1. Personnel Record Folder
	2. Camper Questionnaire
	3. Parent Questionnaire
	4. Health Record
	5. Acceptance Letter
	6. Registration Card
	B. Suggested Projects Developed During Previous Seasons.

TABLE II

1. Keep rifles in first class condition.
2. See that rifles are cleaned at the end of the last riflery period of the day. (Campers should clean rifles under your supervision.)
3. Follow program outlined by National Rifle Association.
4. Do not permit campers to shoot for medals until they have passed tests on the "Sportsman's Code," parts, cleaning, and sighting. This applies to old campers as well as new.
5. Follow range regulations rigidly. These rules are to be impressed on the group at their first session and any offender is to be sent from the range immediately.
6. Keep all ammunition under your personal direction. Under no circumstances are the campers allowed to have their guns or ammunition except on the range.
7. Counselor's use of rifles will likewise be restricted to the range.
8. Keep a riflery chart of individual progress posted in the Lodge. You will find that interest in riflery achievement will necessitate your recording each camper's record regularly. Interest will be aided by posting the outstanding targets alongside this chart.
9. Keep the range clean. A box for used targets will simplify your job.
10. Inspect the range often; see that repairs are made. Do not wait until campers arrive to make repairs.
11. Keep a close check of targets and ammunition on hand. Report low stock to the director so it can be replenished.
12. Impress on all campers importance of the "Sportsman's Code," gun care, and the safe way to handle it. These items are of more importance than marksmanship.
13. Plan and direct the annual riflery tournament.
14. Impress need for safety rules and follow them rigidly.
15. Always report to range on time, with equipment ready to start. If you are late, you can not expect campers to be prompt.

Masks for Campfire Ceremonies

By Ellsworth Jaeger

Curator of Education, Buffalo Museum of Science

WHEN WE SIT around the camp fire in the night woods, the dark shadows advance and retreat like furtive, grotesque goblins. Sparks and smoke drift upward to mingle with the stars and the night sounds of the forest bring a symphony of the past when man sat around the first camp fire.

Masks are important aids in adding realism to an otherwise fantastic presentation. With a good imagination and a little artistic skill, strange mythological creatures may be brought to life by this age-old fantasy.

Little do we realize when we see masked children on Halloween what a serious business masking once was to primitive man. Without the aid of the mask, it was once thought that hunting animals and securing crops were impossible. Even the health, welfare and security of the people were dependent upon its aid. And so for countless ages man danced and performed his most sacred ceremonials with the help of the mask.

The hunter felt sure of the success of his hunt when he danced with the mask of his game upon his head, for then he controlled their spirits.

Today, however, masking is a lark. But it still has an extraordinary psychological effect upon the individual. It seems to give a feeling of release to those who wear the mask.

However, in making use of the mask today we care little about its origin or even its psychological effects. We are interested mainly in how this agent can be used to tell a story, add to the color and uniqueness of our program and to give realism perhaps to an otherwise unreal presentation.

Cardboard cylinder masks offer the best possible results with a minimum of effort and ability. As the drawings show, a wide variety of masks may be made using the cylinder as a foundation. In making this type of mask, a rectangular piece of cardboard is wrapped around the head to determine the size of the mask. A symmetrical drawing of the animal, bird, etc. is then made upon the flat cardboard and painted with opaque water colors.

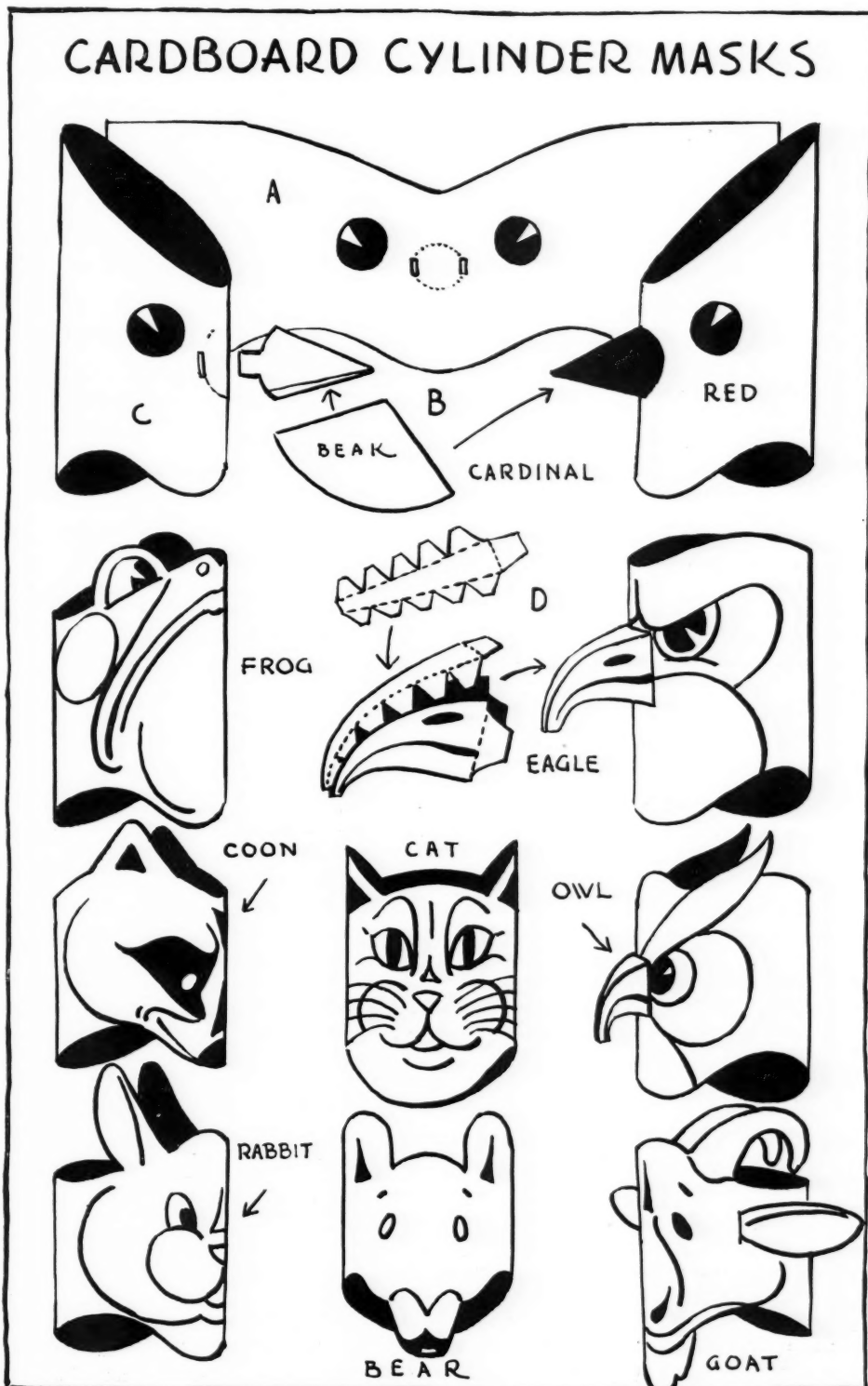
The drawing of the cardinal's mask shows the various stages in making. The flat painting shows the crest, the eyes and the spot where the beak is to be fastened (a). The base of the cardboard

is cut so that the mask will fit over the shoulders when it is worn (b). Beaks and noses are sometimes made separately

and are fastened to the cylinder by sewing or with Scotch or adhesive tape (b). The mask is then rolled into a cylinder form and fastened together at the back (c). The beaks of some birds are merely cones. Other beaks such as the hawk or eagle are made as shown in (d).

The drawings show a variety of animal and bird masks. These of course, are just a few suggestions.

Reprinted from the book "Council Fires," by Ellsworth Jaeger. Soon to be published by the Macmillan Co., 60 Fifth Ave., New York City.



Should Parents

WHEN BILLY saw the family car roll to a stop in the camp parking lot, he dashed across the corner of the baseball field, jumped into his father's arms, hugged him, scrambled down, kissed his mother, and greeted them with, "Gee, it's good to see you. Come over to the tent and meet my counselor. Golly, you just had the car washed, didn't you?" Thus were Billy's parents welcomed to camp and in Billy's mind they were tied into the camp situation in which he had spent five happy weeks since his arrival.

Close cooperation between home, camp, school and church results in great benefit to youngsters, and these four educational factors at work in their lives must work harmoniously in order that the efforts of each will fit into the general pattern established by cooperation among the four. One way to achieve this unity is to encourage visiting. It is obvious that the parents are best equipped to visit, and I feel that they should visit camps, schools and churches so that they will know what is going on and will be able to share it with their youngster.

Having been in camp from the time I was a small boy, I have experienced parental visiting from the points of view of camper, counselor and director. In all that time I can honestly say that, when visiting was done intelligently, and when campers had been prepared for the visit ahead of time, there never was anything but good resulting. Naturally, there were a few upsets, both emotional and physical, but I think in the long run the beneficial effects of visiting far outweigh the possibilities of harm.

Of course, there are different types of visiting, some much more desirable than others. It is possible to limit the type of visiting to the kind I will describe later, I believe, and "good visiting" is beneficial.

If parents come to spend several weeks in the vicinity of camp and visit every day for long periods, they are destroying part of the experience the camper should have in camp. Usually they are cooperative about giving up their too-frequent visits when this fact is pointed out to them by the director.

Another factor that parents should be

warned about is to talk with campers about camp activities, not about activities going on at home. That this is desirable is indicated by cases where a camper may possibly be made homesick by his parents' visits.

Parents should avoid bringing into camp too much candy and providing campers with over-stimulation by taking them out of camp for exciting motor boat rides, airplane trips or the like.

YES!

Says Bradford M. Bentley

These dangers, I feel, can be avoided by close cooperation between the camp director, counselors, parents and campers. A great majority of parents want their children to receive maximum benefit from the camping experience and are therefore willing to cooperate with whatever rules and regulations are passed on to them by the director and his staff.

Over a period of years good relationships can be established with parents, so that their visits actually add to the enjoyment of the summer on the part of the campers. Below are enumerated a few reasons why I feel visits are beneficial, both to campers and camp, and indirectly to the parents themselves.

Visiting brings a closer tie between camp management and parents. Parents can see the director in action, and the director has an opportunity to see parents with their children and to talk with the whole family in camp about what the boy is accomplishing, what parents may do to help the camp and what the

camp hopes to do to help the parents.

Counselors can talk to parents and learn from them about their youngsters, so that work with campers can be more significant. After all, parents have lived with their children for many more years than the counselors have, and know a great deal more about them. A free exchange of this information makes counselors' jobs more effective in leading campers along lines both camp and parents desire.

Benefits for Parents

A visit to camp gives parents a chance to do camping things with the child. Many a father has enjoyed a game of tennis or a swim at camp with his son. Mothers frequently do these things, too. Giving the family a chance to share camp activities results in a feeling of greater unity between father and son, mother and son, and father and mother. When the camper during the winter mentions some camp activity it means more to the whole family if the parents have actually seen that activity in camp.

A fundamental need of youngsters is to feel the awareness of their parents in their activities. A visit to camp makes a youngster feel his parents are interested in what he is doing, and he is normally eager to share these experiences with them. This sharing of experiences is the cornerstone of family life; it is the responsibility of camps to promote this just as far as possible.

Many times, after parents have not seen their youngster for a few weeks, a sense of objectivity is developed, and they can think about their children without being too emotionally involved. Frequently, under these conditions a conversation with the camp director or counselor is of great benefit. Some small characteristic that may have been greatly exaggerated during the close association of the spring is lessened by the separation, and the parents can discuss the matter quite open-mindedly in camp. From the director or counselor, they may get help which assists them in carrying on during the winter to come.

Much good will may be generated by parents visiting camp and having a happy time there. The visit will receive

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Visit Camp?

THE father of a ten-year old camper remarked to the camp director after his in-season visit to camp, "When you register a camper, you should sign up the parents for a trip to Europe."

His recent experience had taught him that parent visiting while children are in camp is not good. He explained that a visit is good neither for child nor parent. He had seen his own child confused and disrupted while her parents were present, and the parents also realized with some dismay that they were not all-important to her happiness.

Unfortunately, most parents do not learn the lesson of the man quoted. Hence, camp directors continue to face the problem of what to do with parents.

The purpose of this study is to set up a valid argument for elimination of parent visiting in any kind of summer camp. It will also attempt to show to what extent such a policy might be acceptable to camp directors in view of their various philosophies of camp operation.

Problems of parent visiting are common to directors of both private and organizational camps. However, in general, private camp directors, with longer sessions and with representation from wider territories are probably faced with them most.

Resulting Conflicts

Often parent visits bring conflict with camp eating regulations, which in many cases prohibit between-meal eating.

Mary Jones' parents, who know that one way to Mary's heart is through her stomach, bring a delicious watermelon along and cut it for her cabin group assembled on the shore of the lake. The Jones have not investigated the camp's policy on between-meal eating; Mary and her friends, anxious for the melon, do not mention the matter.

An hour later, Sue Brown comes into the office with a box of chocolates brought by her parents. She wishes to serve them to her cabin group. Reminded by the director that this would violate health rules, Sue says, "But Mary's cabin just had a watermelon." That the director was not aware of the melon incident does not take him off the spot with Sue.

About half of all camps have regula-

tions which prohibit campers from leaving the grounds with parents. Directors of these camps are often placed in a dilemma by parents unaccustomed to having parental control over their own offspring modified in any way.

Such a parent will often ask the director for a specific exception to the rule in favor of his own child. This not only forces the director to make an unpleasant decision, but is bad for the child.

NO!

Says Ellen Easley

A request for an exception implies to the child that for some special reason he deserves a favor, that the rules which apply to the group do not fit his particular case.

A common defense of visiting is that parents should have a chance to see the camp in action, but it is readily pointed out that visiting days are not normal days. According to a recent poll, about 67% of all camps have some restrictions, designating certain hours or certain days for parent visits. Frequently Sunday is set aside as visiting day, and it is usually a day on which the regular camp program is not followed. In this event, the parent does not actually see the camp in action.

When special visiting days involve field days, pageants, water carnivals and the like, parents see their children performing under abnormal motivation which is not representative of the average camp day. Many times preparations for these events have disrupted the regu-

lar program for days in advance, overworked campers, and minimized progress in skills in favor of exhibition.

It is not the purpose of this study to propose a no-visiting policy on the grounds of typical problem situations occurring at any camp. A more scientific basis for the proposition would be required.

Nor is it the aim to favor a situation in which children would be isolated from parents in the sense of incarcerating them in jail-like fashion behind camp gates. The aim would be to create the camp as an exclusive spot where children's ways, children's ideas and values are not alloyed with adult ways.

This brings us to the basic analysis of why family groups and camp groups do not mix too well. How often have camp directors observed, and how often parents wondered about, the phenomenon of entirely different child behavior in the presence of parents and away from them.

Psychological Background

To understand this situation calls for some knowledge of how behavior patterns in children, and adults as well, are formed. The behavior theory in vogue among social-psychologists today is the "social role" theory. In brief, this is the idea that an individual's behavior represents a role or combination of roles which he discovers by experience and observation make him acceptable to his group. According to Kimball Young, an eminent sociologist, the social role is "the pattern or type of behavior which the child — and adult — builds up in terms of what others expect or demand of him."

This idea has been expanded by George Mead to the extent of saying that the process of role-building in an individual is equivalent to his personality development. It is a process which begins within the limited confines of the home and family and increases as the child's social contacts are widened. In learning new roles, a person seems to internalize the expectations of others so that he desires and does what society expects of him.

The camp situation places a child in
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Yes . . .

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comment during the winter to come, and other parents hear of it and are impressed.

Associated with this is a definite advertising value. Parents see the camp's equipment, meet other parents and find out that camp is a busy, happy place where youngsters are having a wonderful summer and at the same time an educational experience. All these things help the camp.

Another indirect help to the camp as a result of parental visits is that parents who are visiting contribute to the town. They stay overnight and spend money, thus promoting a feeling among townspeople that camp helps the town financially. This appreciation of the camp may serve the camp admirably in time of emergency. Also, not infrequently parents, after they have visited camp over a period of years, come to like the town and purchase property there.

These last three points, good will, advertising value and value to the town, are not as important, of course, as the others. However, they are, I feel, worth mentioning in a realistic approach to this matter of parental visiting.

Preparation

Campers, staff members and parents should be prepared for visiting days. There should be definite rules. Both campers and staff should know them. Parents should receive a bulletin advising them of this information so that the visiting may proceed happily.

Youngsters are, of course, individuals. But they are also parts of families, and it is the camp's responsibility to deal with them, not only as individual personalities, but as representatives of their families. The more a camp knows about a youngster, the better equipped the camp is to help that youngster along the road to useful maturity. Through parental visiting and exchange of ideas, the possibility of achieving this result is greatly enhanced.

No . . .

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a new position where he must learn a new role or combination of roles. There are new faces. There is newness in the outdoor environment. There is a new set of values based on simplicity. There are new relationships with adults. The moment his life in camp begins, the child starts to feel his way onto the roles he will assume. Uncertainty and insecurity beset even the potentially well-adjusted child during the time he does not know what his new society expects of him.

Even a most cursory comparison of family and camp group will reveal basic differences in the roles their members will play. In the first place, the modern home is an adult dominated group, while the camp is child-centered. Lois B. Murphy, in studies of child behavior and personality, points out that this adult domination sometimes expresses itself in over-protection or in complete rejection, either of which is bad for children. Camp, like school and play groups, introduces children to activities designed to fulfill their needs exclusively.

Camp also differs from home in the amount of independence its members must display. In the typical family the child takes cues from the parents in matters of clothes, food and associates, whereas camp requires a large degree of independence of each individual. Camp, in other words, is one of the earliest social situations serving to wean children from the authoritarian rule of parents.

Assuming that all will agree on the benefits which a well-directed camp program provides in developing behavior patterns in children, the basis of this

argument is that parent visits serve only to "dilute the camp effect." By their very nature, the family and camp have different objectives. The family is concerned with the interest of the individual child. The camp sees the child as a member of a group and seeks his adjustment to it.

Any occasion which confronts the child with these conflicting objectives will naturally create confusion as to expected behavior patterns. Professors Park and Burgess, discussing children's roles in the family, say, "Complications arise whenever there is a conflict between the expectations of the family and those of other groups in the community." When parents visit a camp, the child is seen to waver between his accustomed family roles and those newly acquired in the group situation.

The result is a weakening of the habit systems which the camp could have developed to a maximum degree had there been exclusive influence over the child from beginning to end of the camping experience.

Under our present set of family folkways and mores, it is unlikely camps will adopt a no-visiting policy. However, results from a poll of camp directors indicate there is a strong feeling against parent visits regardless of policies practiced.

The conclusion which must be drawn from this evidence is that while camps continue to allow visiting, there is a consensus of opinion that it is disruptive, detrimental in cases of homesickness, and tends to make new adjustments necessary. If camp policies were determined solely on the best interests of the children, and not on the basis of publicity, these factors might be taken more into consideration.

Good Idea!

Observation Beehive

HOW MANY PEOPLE think a bee intends to sting you if it flies near you or alights upon you? What goes on inside a bee hive? Do bees take honey from plants? These are examples of questions which are easily investigated and provide fun as well as education for campers, if they have an observation bee hive at camp.

I tried setting one up in front of our dining hall on a bench under the overhang of the roof. The southern exposure was fine for the bees. An index card was tacked on the front of the hive. It bore this notice: "This is an observation bee hive. Please ask a counselor to show it to you." Counselors received a brief explanation of the hive before campers arrived. Children soon learned to observe the bees and not show

fear at the sight of bees flying in and out over the lawn. To see the queen bee, with a spot of red nail polish on her thorax to mark her, was most exciting to the campers. Her wings were clipped to prevent her leaving the hive.

Many things about the life cycle of a bee, division of labor within a hive, pollen and nectar gathering, and other bee activities may be learned through the use of an observation hive. It is helpful to have pictures and interesting literature available for those whose curiosity is aroused by the members of "the golden throng." There may be carry-over value from a science course in school where bees were studied. Field observations plus the hive provide an excellent medium for study and pleasure for camp members.

By Joan de Revere

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Food Staff Plan

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Different

By Ruth Warren Becker

Co-Owner, Camp O-Tahn-Agon

IN CAMP, food is very important to every single person who is eating — and who isn't when they spend most of their waking hours in the out of doors? Our food staff has given us superb food, three times a day, liked by everyone from the youngest camper to the oldest director and guests. The set-up of this staff is rather unorthodox when compared with usual camp kitchen staff arrangements. But our success and satisfaction with it impel us to pass the idea along to other directors, who may find it of value.

Our food staff is composed of six home economics students. The head of the staff is always a girl who has graduated with the current June Class. Her assistants are five students, preferably in their junior year at college.

The current year's "head" will have been an assistant at our camp the previous summer. During the winter months she selects her five assistants, through personal interviews with students who have been recommended by college placement bureaus. She also has almost a year to plan for the following season, and uses a copy of the recommendations of the last year's food staff for future improvements in techniques.

We decided on six young women, to serve about 110 persons daily, as the best number, and have found this most satisfactory, especially since they are intelligent, interested and trained students. These young women have come from several of the universities which offer excellent majors in dietetics.

One reason for the success of our food

staffs and the happy atmosphere in our kitchen is the fact that things are planned so as to be mutually beneficial to both staff and camp. Most of the food staff has the same interest in the out of doors and camping which the program staff has. Although the free hours of the two staffs do not exactly coincide, they do in the late afternoon and evening. Also, both groups appreciate having a group of approximately 30 congenial people to be with in their free time, rather than choose from a smaller number.

The interest of the young women who are food specialists in the whole camping program and their patience in explaining meal planning and food preparation to campers and counselors who are planning a trip, is most valuable. The food staff has an opportunity to teach in the best possible environment, and the campers and program counselors have the advantage of the most recent developments in the food laboratories. It has been a great satisfaction to us to have the food counselors say they have learned more during the camp season about actual food preparation than in a year in the classroom. This is particularly satisfying when we have so enjoyed each meal!

Salaries for food and program staffs are comparable, as are the number of hours on active duty. The morning, naturally, is the busiest time for the food staff. By about 1:30 p.m. daily, they are through with dinner chores and have the evening meal partially prepared. They return to the kitchen about 5:15

and are through at 7:00 p.m. During time off, all camp activities are open to food-staff members, except swimming (unless one of the staff happens to be a Red Cross senior life saver.) This restriction on swimming time causes no trouble however, since food-staff members generally prefer to do their swimming during the regular swimming period, with the rest of us. Food staff members join in any and all camp activities in which they are interested. We have found excellent musical, dramatic and sports talent in the group.

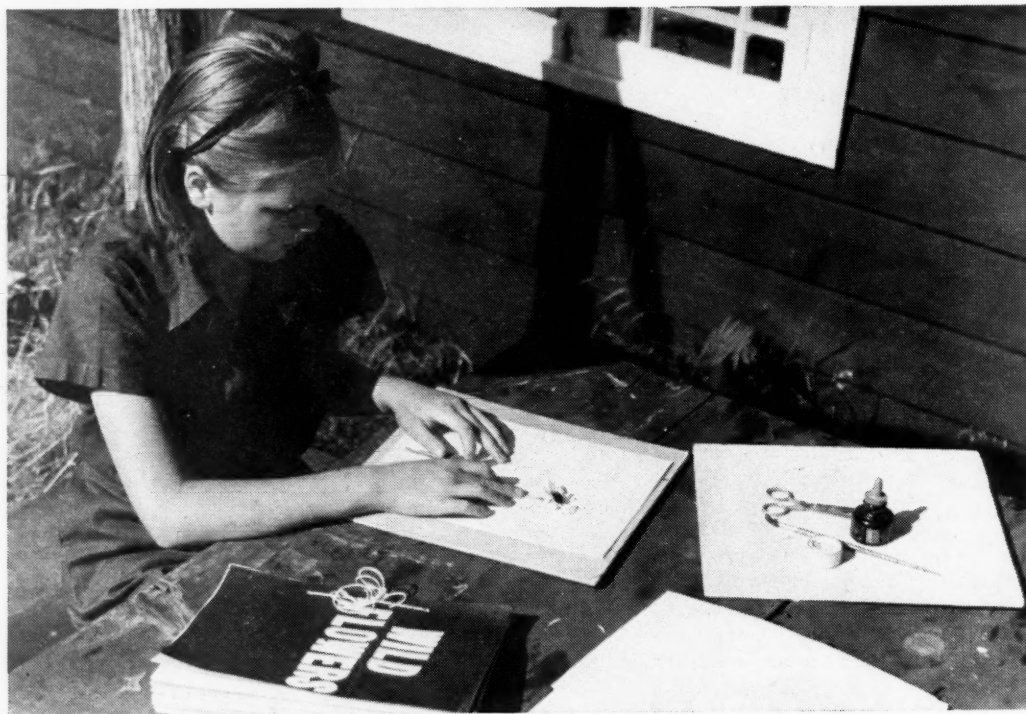
Each Thursday we plan an all-camp cookout supper. Hence, the food staff is through its work for the day immediately following the noon meal and free until Friday breakfast.

Sundays, after the noon dinner, five of the staff are free until Monday breakfast. The one who is "on" is assisted by three program counselors in getting the already prepared Sunday supper on the table; these four also do the kitchen chores following supper.

The well served, wonderful tasting and varied dishes which our college "home ec" students have planned and prepared for us have sold us completely on continuing our present arrangement.

Mrs. Becker has graciously agreed to answer any questions put by directors who are interested in setting up a food-staff system such as that described in this article. Please address questions to *Camping Magazine*, Metuchen, N. J. in order that they may be most efficiently correlated and answered. — Ed.

Is Your Nature Program In Eclipse?



Camps should make a systematic attempt to offer instruction in nature, says

Walter H. Sears

ATENDANCE at a meeting of the New England Section of the ACA found me in a discussion group on the subject of camp programs. Somewhere past the midway point of the session there came up the perennial questions: "What IS the matter with nature in camps? Why are so many camps making no systematic attempt to offer instruction in nature? Why is it that we find it the hardest task of all to find a magnetic and well-trained nature counselor? What can we do to bring about effective improvement in camp nature programs?"

After serious consideration, here are some of the conclusions I came to:

As to the profound significance of the value of an acquaintance with the out-of-doors world there can be no question at all. Elizabeth Boettiger in her book, "Your Child Meets the World Outside" states it thus: "The world of nature is all about us from birth, the constant though often unconsidered, framework of our lives."

Why are so many camps making no systematic attempt to offer instruction in nature?

One answer to the question is that,

finding it a not-too-popular feature, they have followed somewhat along the progressive school educational philosophy and have attempted to offer their campers an entirely "elective" program of activities. A nature program will not go in any camp unless the director recognizes the broad basic needs of his campers. Along with this recognition he must have the courage to mix certain "required" features in the program along with the purely elective items.

Why is it that we find it the hardest task of all to find a magnetic and well-trained nature counselor?

While there has come down to us, as an inheritance from our Colonial days, a "love of the open," the whole trend of our modern urban life has mitigated against the bringing up of youthful nature counselors who have a proper background for the field of work. It is true that a magnetic personality can offset to some degree a lack of background and training. It is also true that a university camp leadership course, offered during the months of April and May, cannot thoroughly fit a beginning nature counselor for the summer's task. The whole field of natural history is too wide

and too extensive to make it possible to become "at home" in it without a longer apprenticeship. A camp naturalist must know the answers in a dozen different branches of natural history. Growth in knowledge along these lines takes time and experience.

What can we do to bring about effective improvement in the camp nature program?

Alas! Who among us is wise enough to work out a "Marshall Plan" for a re-birth of a vigorous and popular-with-camper nature program? Here are several procedures which might help to turn us toward a more ideal situation.

Let us begin with the director of the camp. By "taking stock" of his entire program let a balance be struck so that a rightful place for nature be given in the line-up for the summer's activities. And then having given nature a major, instead of a minor position in his own mind, let him determine that it shall be accorded at least a sympathetic interest on the part of every member of the camp staff. A counselor for some other camp activity, standing at the outside fringe of a nature presentation before the entire camp group with a belittling attitude,

can "queer" the best effort of even a thoroughly competent nature counselor. By having it understood that no negative or subversive influence will be countenanced among the staff, the camp administration can lend its moral support to the nature program.

If the nature program is to deserve the respect and enthusiastic support of staff and campers, it should be headed up by the very best counselor which that camp can secure. Since the knowledge and ability needed to teach nature successfully are found in fewer individuals than for other camp activities when such a counselor has been found let the director seek earnestly for continuity of that person's leadership from season to season. Compensation based upon competence would warrant a recompense equal at least to that of heads of waterfront, baseball or tennis departments!

Further, camps might help develop embryo nature counselors by encouraging campers who show unusual interest and ability along nature lines to follow informal study courses, during the winters, to groom such candidates for assistants in nature counseling. Such winter-time interest might be rallied by Natural History or Science Museums in the larger cities or nearby colleges if directors would indicate their desire for such assistance.

The challenge to do a real job in this business of inspiring campers along the line of genuine nature interest and appreciation is not an easy one. Inculcation of a true love of nature is in the realm of aiding the camper in the acquiring a life-long personal wealth. It deals with the intangibles of life quite in contrast with the acquiring of the products of the camp craft shop. Let me suggest the high goal to be attained by quoting from "Shackled Youth" by Edward Yeomans. "The fact is that, at a certain age, perhaps at adolescence, every child has this peculiar affinity — this ability to become one with nature — and very few find the opportunity to indulge it. It takes time and detachment, a certain solitariness, repeated expeditions alone; but once it has worked its beneficent charms, that person knows that he has established an intimacy with the most permanent source of strength and happiness — his own Mother Nature, draped in those astonishing garments, the Earth, the Sea and the Sky. Thereafter, however submerged he may be in the pursuit of a livelihood and a career, he is perfectly aware that this intimacy is his meat and drink, and at every opportunity, when he can escape, you will find him in remote places renewing his youth, recreating himself, recovering that deliberation and poise and serenity and robusticity and resourcefulness, that clarity of vision and inevitability of action that characterize his associates in the wilderness."

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HELPFUL BOOKLETS

A review of latest literature offered by advertisers of products and services for camps. Read the entire list; use handy coupon to send for those you want.

19. All-steel, adjustable, sectional steel docks for camps are described in literature offered by Standard Steel Products Mfg. Co. Highlighted are the facts that the docks are designed to be easy to install, safe and strong, and free from shifting.

10. Camp picture postcards and folders for displaying camp photos in catalog form are the subject of Folder MC prepared by Artvue Post Card Co. Pointed out is the fact that Artvue photos are completely personalized, since they are prepared from your own camp pictures.

15. Leather craft and metal-tooling craft supplies, including not only raw materials but also tools and other supplies needed, are described in a catalog available from Kit Kraft.

23. A dishwashing compound designed to sterilize as it washes, pine-jelly, floor-scrubbing soaps and pine-oil disinfectants, produced by Richmond Oil, Soap & Chemical Co., will be sent in sample form to camp people who wish to try them out.

4. Craft leathers, tools, lacings and accessories are the topics covered in a catalog prepared by J. J. Connolly for convenience of mail-order buyers.

20. Bakery Art is the title of a new

booklet giving recipes and suggestions for use of pre-mixed doughnut, muffin, biscuit and other ready-to-use baked-goods mixes; offered by the Pre-Mix Division of Pillsbury Mills, Inc.

17. Chemical feeders that are designed to sterilize camp water supplies safely, dependably and inexpensively are the subject of bulletins prepared for camp owners and operators by % Proportioneers, Inc. %

6. Indian craft supplies, including kits, beads, feathers, leather, etc., are described in a catalog which has been prepared by Grey Owl Indiancraft Co.

18. Shell, metal and plastic parts used in camp craft programs for creating costume jewelry, flowers and novelties are covered in a wholesale catalog offered by the Florida Supply House, Inc.

26. Athlete's foot is the subject of a 36-page booklet developed by the C. B. Dolge Co. to describe properties and use of its product, Alta-Co powder, in the prevention and control of athlete's foot.

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28. **Books on crafts**, drawing, design, industrial and art education are listed and described in Catalog No. 39, which can be obtained from The Manual Arts Press.

1. **Craft supplies** in a variety of types, including leather, plastic, pottery, block printing, textile and wood, are the subject of a catalog offered by Dwinnell Craft Shop to describe its line of supplies, tools, etc., for camp directors.

8. **Outdoor books** on a variety of subjects of interest to camp directors and staff, and prepared by experts in the field, are listed, described and priced in the latest catalog of The Macmillan Co.

24. **Cups and other prizes** to be awarded by camp directors for various events on the camp's program are the subject of a new catalog listing its products, which has been prepared by Edwin W. Lane Co.

21. **Metal craft work** is the topic of a new instruction booklet and price list which has been made available for camp people by the Metal Goods Corp.

2. **Books on camping** and associated subjects, including leadership, group work, devotions, administration, building de-

sign, etc., are the subjects of descriptive leaflets available from Association Press.

12. **T-Shirts and sweatshirts** in a number of types, made to order with the name of your camp and/or its emblem, are pictured and described in a pamphlet designed to assist camp directors, and obtainable from The Felt Crafters.

27. **Archery supplies** and equipment especially suited to use by camps and campers is the subject of a catalog offered by Indianhead Archery Mfg. Co.

3. **Books on camping** are among the large number of titles covered in a catalog of its publications, issued by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

25. **Waterfront safety**, by means of a newly designed visible check board designated the "Buddy Board," and said to be adaptable to waterfront activities in camps of all types, is the subject of literature obtainable from P. O. Moore, Inc., the manufacturers.

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ing many illustrations, the booklet may be obtained from Pennsylvania Rubber Co.

7. **Personalized meat service**, a market guide and data on government grading of meat are described in booklets which have been made available to camp executives by Pfaelzer Bros.

16. **Food products** and equipment needed in camp operation are listed in a folder titled "Buried Treasure," issued by H. A. Johnson Co.

9. **Balls** for all kinds of sports activities, with purposes and specifications of each, are shown in a booklet offered by W. J. Voit Rubber Corp.

22. **Camp equipment**, in a wide variety including kitchen, camper-cabin, waterfront and many other types of equipment and supplies used by camps are pictured, priced and described in a complete catalog obtainable from Sanitary Supply & Specialty Co.

11. **Girls' camp uniforms**, in new, distinctive styles, are the subject of an illustrated folder prepared by E. R. Moore Co.

34. **Canoes**, flat-bottomed boats, sailboats and boats for use with outboard motors are pictured and described in a booklet describing its products published by Old Town Canoe Co.

THE FOLLOWING revision is proposed by the Committee appointed by the President: Otto Rosahn, Mrs. Ethel Bebb, Miss Catherine Hammett, Wes Klusmann. This revision is scheduled to be voted upon at the annual meeting of ACA to be held Feb. 1-4, 1949, at Minneapolis, Minn.

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be American Camping Association, Incorporated.

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of ACA are:

To further the welfare of children and adults through camping.

To extend the recreational and educational benefits of out-of-door living.

To provide opportunities for fellowship among camp leaders.

To provide for the exchange of experiences and successful practices, and for the development of materials, standards and other aids for the progress of camping.

To serve as the voice of camp leaders in national and local affairs.

To interpret camping to related groups and to the public.

To stimulate high professional standards of camp leadership.

Article III. Membership

Membership in ACA is open to men and women who agree to assist in attaining the above objectives of the ACA and who fulfill the requirements of membership set forth in the By-Laws.

Article IV. Officers, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Standing Committees

Section 1. The officers of ACA shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. One Vice-President shall be selected from private camps, and one Vice-President shall be selected from other camping interests. (See Article VI for election of officers.)

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the above officers, Section Presidents, Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees and one additional member from each Section. If the President of a Section or the additional Section representative to the Board of Directors cannot attend a Board meeting the section may appoint substitute members of the section to represent them.

New Constitution Law the ACA

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the above officers, and chairmen of Standing Committees.

Section 4. The Standing Committees shall consist of (1) Finance; (2) Leadership; (3) Membership; (4) Program; (5) Publications; (6) Public Relations; (7) Studies and Research. Chairmen of these committees shall be appointed by the President for a term of two years and shall continue in office until successors are appointed.

Section 5. The Executive Director shall serve as executive officer of the Association, subject to the authority and direction of the Board of Directors. He shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees. He shall report to each meeting of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and invite attention to matters concerning the good of the Association. He shall prepare recommendations for Board and Committee action from time to time as may seem advisable. He shall have the responsibility to engage employees of the Association, to direct the work of such employees, and to terminate their employment if necessary or desirable.

Article V. Organization of Sections

Section 1. A chartered Section may be formed by twenty (20) or more persons eligible for membership who agree to accept responsibility for carrying out the stated objectives of ACA. Application for each charter must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. No local Section shall have authority to bind American Camping Association, Inc., to any financial obligation whatever.

Section 3. There shall be no provision in the Constitution and/or By-Laws of any Section which contravenes any provision of the ACA Constitution and/or By-Laws.

Article VI. Election of Officers and of Delegates to Annual Business Meeting

Section 1. All officers shall be elected for a two-year term by votes cast annually by the membership. Election of the President, a Vice-President and Secretary, and election of a Vice-President and Treasurer, shall occur in alternate years. Officers may not succeed themselves more than once but shall hold office until their successors shall take office. Nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee, and ballots, shall

be presented to each member at least three weeks in advance of the time set for counting the vote.

Section 2. A quorum for the purpose of electing officers of ACA shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total members eligible to vote.

Section 3. Sections shall be represented at the annual business meeting (convention) of the Association by delegates elected by the membership of the Sections. Each Section shall have votes proportionate to its membership, on the basis of one vote for every twenty-five (25) active members in good standing. Each Section shall have at least two votes regardless of the size of its membership.

Section 4. This body of delegates, with members of the Executive Committee, shall constitute the voting body for resolutions and such matters of business as shall be referred by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting.

Article VII. Approval and Amendments

Section 1. This constitution must be approved and may be amended by:

- (a) a vote by mail, provided that the Constitution and amendments are submitted to the membership by the Executive Committee at least three weeks in advance of the time set for counting the vote, and provided also that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the paid-up membership eligible to vote, shall participate in the vote by mail, or
- (b) by vote of official delegates at the Annual Business Meeting.

A majority of the total vote cast shall be necessary to amend the constitution.

Section 2. By-Laws for the conduct of the affairs of the ACA may be established by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Board of Directors, and amended in the same manner, provided that at least three weeks notice of such proposed actions shall be published in CAMPING MAGAZINE or sent to the entire membership by other suitable means. Members of the Board not able to attend the meeting may cast their votes by mail.

Article VIII. Rules of Order

The rules in the latest edition of "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern this Association in all questions not otherwise provided for in this Constitution and By-Laws.

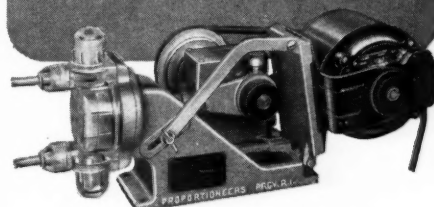
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Article 1. Membership

Section 1. Types of membership in ACA shall be Contributing, Sustaining, Camp, Executive, Individual, Student and Honorary, and membership shall be subject to approval of the membership committee of the Section involved, except the type of membership referred to in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 2. All paid-up members of

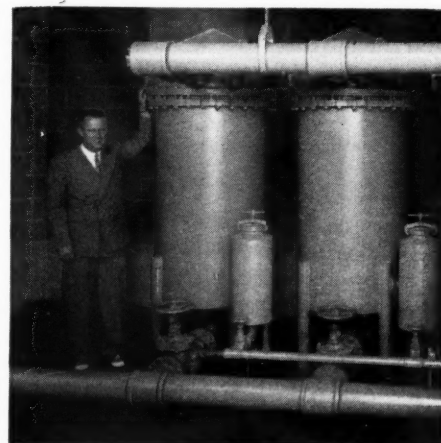
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every Section shall have the privilege of voting and holding office in the ACA, except Honorary and Student members.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be conferred at the discretion of the Board of Directors upon a limited number of persons who have rendered exceptional national service to the cause of camping. Such Honorary Members shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office.

Article II. Dues

Section 1. Membership dues shall be payable in advance for a period of one year.

Section 2. Dues for the various types of membership shall be payable to the treasurer of each section who shall transmit to the ACA office that portion of the dues allocated to ACA, in accordance with the schedule below.

Membership	Dues	Distribution	
		National	Section
Contributing	\$100	\$50	\$50
Sustaining	50	25	25
Camp (Group 1)	25	15	10
Camp (Group 2)	15	9	6
Camp (Group 3)	10	6	4
Executive	10	6	4
Individual	5	3	2
Student	3	2	1
Honorary	None	None	None

Membership dues shall include a subscription to the official magazine.

Article III. Officers, Board of Directors and Committees

Section 1. All officers shall be elected by direct vote of eligible members.

Section 2. Duties of officers shall be those usually performed by such officers.

Section 3. (a) Duties of the Board of Directors shall be to determine the policies of the Association and to be responsible for administration of the Association.

(b) The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring between elections, except the office of President, which vacancy shall be filled automatically by the Senior Vice-President, and shall have the power to remove officers or directors or committee members who are not performing their duties faithfully, upon due notice and after proper opportunity for a hearing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to add to its membership representatives of national agencies not already represented on the Board and other persons desirable because of personal qualifications, this number not to exceed the number of Sections.

(c) The Board of Directors shall have the power to approve and to issue charters for organized Sections and to dissolve or reorganize Sections in the ACA after due notice and proper opportunity for a hearing, in any case where the conduct of such Sections shall in its judgment prove detrimental to the best interests of ACA.

(d) The Board of Directors shall adopt a budget upon recommendations of the Finance Committee.

(e) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year at the time and place of the annual national meeting of the Association. It shall also be subject to call by the President of the Association, or upon the written request of at least eight (8) members of the Board of Directors of the Association, after adequate notice.

(f) There shall be no proxy voting at meetings of the Board of Directors (i.e., no member may cast more than one vote for each question.)

(g) The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. (a) The Executive Committee shall carry out the business of ACA with the authority of the Board of Directors in the interim between Board Meetings. Seven shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

(b) The President of the Association shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. (a) There shall be standing committees as stated in the Constitution.

(b) There shall be additional special committees as needed and approved by the Executive Committee.

(c) There shall be temporary committees for specific projects as approved by the Executive Committee.

(d) The President shall appoint chairmen of all committees.

(e) Such Chairmen shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed, or until the committee shall have been officially discharged.

Section 6. (a) The nominating committee shall be elected by the Board of Directors annually and shall be geographically representative of the country.

(b) The nominating committee shall submit at least two nominations for each elective office.

(c) There shall be opportunity for write-in votes on ballots.

(d) Nominations for an elective office in ACA may be made by petition to the nominating committee. Signatures of fifty sponsors shall be sufficient to place the name of any nominee on the official ballot. Sponsors must be paid-up members of ACA eligible to vote.

Article IV. Meetings

A national meeting of ACA shall be held in the first quarter of each year, the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article V. Publications

All publications of ACA shall be authorized by and under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Association. THE CAMPING MAGAZINE is hereby designated as the official journal of ACA and shall be sent to each member in good standing in the Association.

Good Idea!

Camp Pet Shop

By Marc Sagan

HERE'S AN IDEA that should give your camp nature program a shot in the arm. Have a pet show, open to all campers with any kind of an animal. Make the announcement about a week before the show is to take place. A few posters might help. Prizes (small blue ribbons will do) should be given for the pet with the longest tail, biggest ears, most legs or eyes, strongest aroma and/or anything else you might think of which would draw the funniest assortment of entries. Judges should be people who

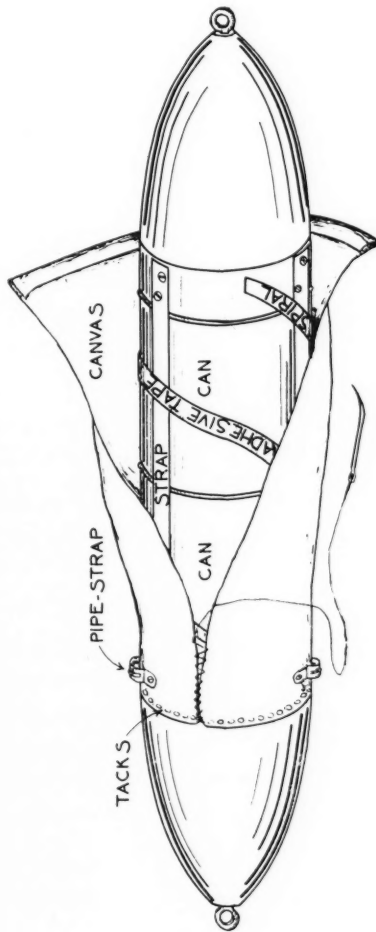
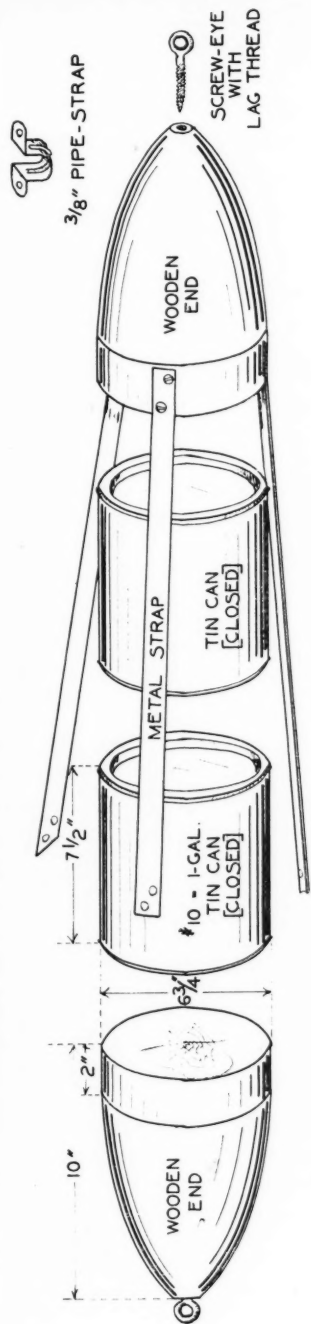


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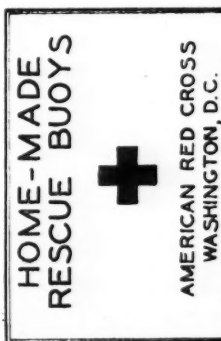
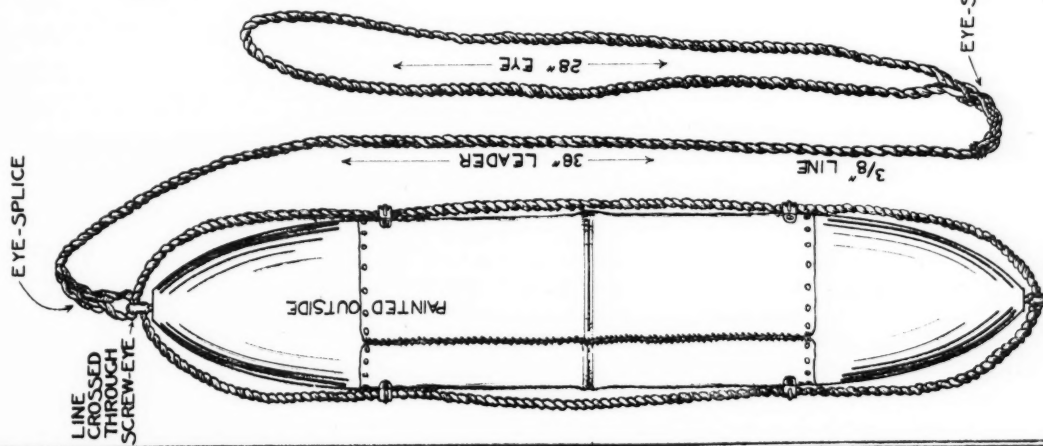
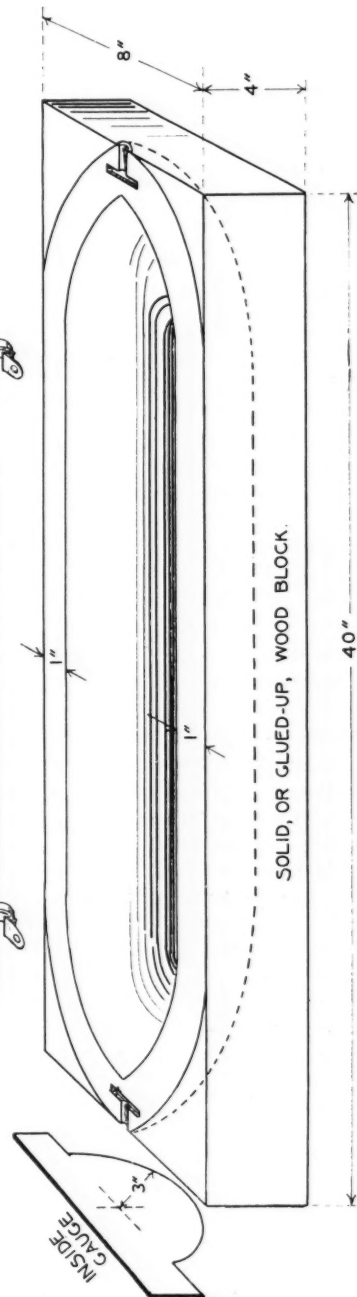
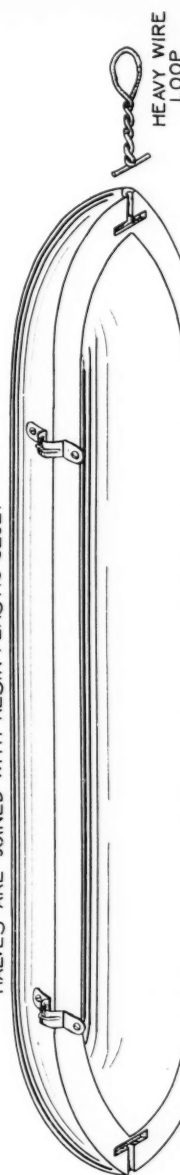
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The President's Page

By Carol Gulick Hulbert

President, American Camping Association

THE AMERICAN Camping Association has recently completed a successful six ring "circus" at Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana. (Now that you have learned to say "Oconomowoc" we are giving you a new set of names.) The time was October 20 to 24 and the rings of this "circus" were as follows:

(1) A Workshop on Camping Legislation. This was planned and conducted by our able chairman of Studies and Research, Mr. Reynold Carlson. Approximately forty people took part in this important work for Camping. Their findings are to be edited, mimeographed and sent to Section Presidents in the near future.

(2) Committee Meeting on Leadership Training. Last year at Oconomowoc a workshop group produced a tentative outline on Leadership Training to be used in schools and colleges. This material was sent to many colleges for trial use before final publication. At the request of Hugh Ransom, our Leadership Training Chairman, suggestions and additions from colleges have been received by the committee which met at Pokagon to revise, improve and prepare for publication. This will be ready soon.

(3) Finance Committee Meeting. The ACA Treasurer and Finance Chairman met with other financial "wizards" from other parts of the country to lay long-term plans for the Association's business future.

(4) Committee on Convention Policies. At the 1946 annual meeting in Boston it was officially voted to hold annual meetings every second year and Regional meetings in the years between. Detailed planning for these meetings was made at Pokagon, by a group representing all sections of the country. Milton Goldberg, Convention Chairman at Los Angeles, brought with him a detailed set of suggestions for future conventions. These were discussed and amplified. The revised "Suggestions for ACA Conventions" will be available for any who are concerned with future conventions — either National or Regional. To clarify financial arrangements between the National office and groups holding Regional Conventions, the following report was presented to and accepted by the Executive Committee.

"In the consideration of a budget for the American Camping Association, a review of our experience with regional meetings held on the alternate year from the National Conventions was made. It is the belief of this committee that regional meetings should be continued and strengthened.

"It has been the function of the finance committee to arrive at budgets based on income possibilities without commitments of any kind from regions or sections. This practice has made budgeting uncertain as well as unrealistic. To correct this difficulty, we make the following recommendations:

"1. That the net proceeds of regional meetings be shared with the ACA to sustain its service. This division of income should be at the ratio of 40% or more, if possible, to ACA and 60% or less, if possible, to the host section.

"2. That any exception to this policy be arrived at by agreement through negotiations with the regional and the national ACA finance committee. In this regard the committee recognizes that certain sections have financial problems which will make the above mentioned division of net proceeds impractical and therefore negotiation will be necessary.

"3. That we re-affirm the policy of 50% or more, of net proceeds from National Conventions be the National ACA share.

"It is not the intent of the finance committee to become dictatorial in any sense by such a recommendation. On the other hand, it is our belief that the acceptance of such a proposal would eliminate much guesswork, strengthen the financial structure, and lead to increased service of the American Camping Association."

(5) Meeting of the Nominating Committee. Six of the eight members of the Nominating Committee elected at Los Angeles were present at Pokagon for two days of work. From the two regions not represented in person telegraphic messages were received indicating their nominees for ACA President and Secretary. A dual slate will be presented for each office. The election of officers will occur at the ACA annual meeting to be held in conjunction with the first of the 1949 Regional meetings at Minneapolis on February 1 through 4. This

is an important date for all of us and should be on your calendar.

(6) Meeting of the ACA Executive Committee. The committee had several long sessions during the four days of the Workshop. Reports from all Standing Committees were read and discussed with care. Several chairmen of special committees sent excellent reports. The Executive Committee reviewed suggested changes in the proposed new Constitution, which is published elsewhere in this issue of CAMPING MAGAZINE. It is now ready for a final vote by the membership at the annual meeting at Minneapolis. Its appearance in the Magazine is in accordance with our present Constitution calling for publication at least "three weeks in advance." Please read carefully and come prepared to vote.

Throughout the four days of this six ring "circus" it was clearly evident that people believe in the American Camping Association and are glad to work for it. Backgrounds and points of view may differ but we all unite on the common ground of better camping and more of it.

We have passed the difficult transition from old to new membership fees and, in spite of a drop last year, we are now close to an all-time high in Association membership. During this transition it seemed important to keep membership, even if people dropped into lower classification. The people at Pokagon, representing ACA all over the country, think **this** is the year to stress proper and accurate classification. When you renew your membership will you judge carefully whether your fee should be five, ten or twenty-five dollars — and renew accordingly?

The strength of ACA is built almost entirely on its membership — in both finances and services — and we need your help in both fields. When you have your membership in the proper classification, don't stop there. Get out and bring in some new members — then get to work on some committee — either local or regional or national. Thus will we strengthen our program and our American Camping Association.

Below is the list of ACA Regional Meetings to be held during the winter and spring of 1949. Please go to at least one meeting — more if possible

Region I	Boston, February 3-5.
Region II	New York City, Mar. 23-26.
Region III	Pittsburgh (date not yet announced.)
Region IV	Nashville, Mar. 30-Apr. 2.
Region V	Minneapolis (Annual Meeting) February 1-4
Region VI	Dallas (date not yet announced.)
Region VII	Asilomar, Calif., Mar. 10-13.

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With the Sections

Wisconsin Names Officers for Next Year

H. M. Woldenberg of Madison, Wisc., is the new president of the Wisconsin Section of ACA. He was elected at the group's recent meeting. Chosen to serve with Mr. Woldenberg were Lloyd Shafer, Boy Scouts of America, Fond du Lac, as vice-president; and W. H. Wones, Milwaukee, as executive secretary-treasurer. Edgar Buzzell and Lloyd Shafer have been elected to the board, and Ray Bassett re-elected. Dr. R. Alice Drought, for many years identified with ACA at both section and national levels, is the retiring president.

Ralph Roehm Named Chairman of New York Regional

Ralph D. Roehm, of the New York City YMCA, has been named general chairman of the committee for the regional convention of ACA which will be held at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, March 23-26, 1949. Mr. Roehm has named the following to serve on his committee:

Vice-chairman, Howard Lilienthal, Camp Winnebago; program, Otto Rosahn, Camp Birchwoods; exhibits, Major Katherine Muller, Salvation Army; exhibits co-chairman, George Appleman, International Stewards and Caterer's Assn.; budget and finance, John Dreason, Children's Aid Society; proceedings and editorial, Miss Catherine Gordon, YWCA; promotion, Howard Patton, BSA; hospitality, Mrs. Edward Healy, Camp Androscoggin; registration, Miss Margaret Caesar, Redbook Magazine; publicity, to be named; publicity co-chairman, Fred Lewis, Herald-Tribune Camps; educational exhibits, Herman Baar; executive secretary, James W. Moore.

Penna. Section Announces Plans for Combined Winter Meeting

The winter meeting of the combined membership of the Pennsylvania Section of ACA is being held December 9. Members of the Section's agency camp, day camp, private camp, and south central divisions will come together for a joint meeting on this date.

The Section has also recently published a 14-page mimeographed Bibliography on School Camping. Prepared under supervision of Miss Eleanor Cunliffe, chairman of the Section's Studies and Research committee, and published with the cooperation of The Girl Scouts of Philadelphia and The Health and Welfare Council, the Bibliography is available at 25 cents per copy. Orders should be sent to Walter Rutherford, Boy Scouts, 22nd and Winter Sts., Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Books

Reviewed by Reynold Carlson
Chairman ACA Studies and
Research Committee

Plastics Made Practical

By Chris H. Groneman. The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee 1, Wisc. 1948. 324 pp., \$4.50.

Intended as a reference guide for elementary information on a few of the common plastics, especially Lucite and Plexiglass, this book will aid the beginner in this new field of handcraft. Tested working drawings, photographs and instructions for carrying out nearly 100 projects, including desk accessories, book ends, game aids, ornaments, decorative novelties, table appointments, lamps and furniture, are offered. Tools are those usually available in the average well-equipped workshop.

Wild Folk at the Pond

By Carroll Lane Fenton. The John Day Co., New York, 1948. 127 pp., \$2.00.

Written in simple style for the young reader, these stories of animals found in or near ponds present scientifically sound information in narrative form. The stories prove that animal life can be made interesting to child readers, even though the author does not endow them with the fanciful human characteristics found in so many animals of fiction. The animals told about — raccoons, turtles, shrimps, kingfishers, bullheads, dragonflies, crayfish, grebes, mud puppies, redwing blackbirds, frogs, snails, mussels — are common in many camp environments and consequently of great appeal to young campers.

Quantity Recipes to Extend Meat and Poultry

Compiled by Marion A. Wood, Department of Institution Management, New York State College of Home Economics.

A second, completely revised, edition of "Recommended Procedures for Camp Leadership Courses for Colleges and Universities" has now been prepared by ACA. Faculty members and administrators of some 200 colleges, universities and other institutions experimented with the first edition and offered constructive criticism, which has been borne in mind in re-editing the book. One added and most useful feature is a newly compiled comprehensive bibliography of source material in camping.

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mics, Cornell University. Leaflet No. 1, February, 1948. Mimeographed, 24 pp. One copy free to residents of New York State; additional copies, and copies to out-of-state residents, 25 cents each. Order from: Mailing Room, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, N. Y. State College of Home Economics, Ithaca, N. Y.

Here is a group of recipes combining meat with other foods to provide tasty and nutritious dishes at moderate cost. Recipes are given in terms of 100 servings and helpfully include the size of each serving.

Camp Kitchen Management

By Dorothy M. Proud. Department of Institution Management, New York State College of Home Economics, Cornell University. Leaflet No. 2, April, 1948. Mimeographed, 26 pp. Cost, and ordering method, same as leaflet immediately above.

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Audubon Nature Camps for adult leaders for the 1949 season have been announced, as follows:

California, five two-week sessions, beginning June 19 and ending Aug. 27. For information contact Mrs. Ethel E. Richardson, 887 Indian Rock Avenue, Berkeley 7, Calif.

Texas, five two-week sessions, beginning June 4 and ending Aug. 20. For information contact Mrs. John W. Greene, 2003 Sharon Lane, Austin, Texas.

Maine, five two-week sessions, beginning June 17 and ending Sept. 1. For information contact National Audubon Society, 1000 5th Avenue, New York City 28.

Connecticut, Nature Leaders' Training Course, June 13-25; Conservation, three two-week sessions, beginning June 27 and ending Aug. 27; five-day Girl Scout and Camp Fire Girl Course, July 11-15; Conference for delegates of National Audubon Society, Aug. 8-12.

A Correspondence Course in camp counseling is being offered by University of California Extension. Consisting of five lessons it is designed to inform novice staff members on basic facts. Author and instructor of the course is J. Wendell Howe, past president of the San Joaquin Section of ACA. Fee for the course, including required textbooks, is \$7.00 for California residents, \$9.00 for out-of-state enrollees. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from University Extension, Berkeley 4, California.

A New Chemical Division, located at Pittsburgh, Penna., has been announced by John Sexton & Co., who have been consistent advertisers in CAMPING MAGAZINE for many years. The division will sell compounds for dishwashing, laundering and general cleaning; insecticides, germicides and disinfectants; and soaps in several types for specific purposes. A problem-solving service in use of cleaning materials is also offered.

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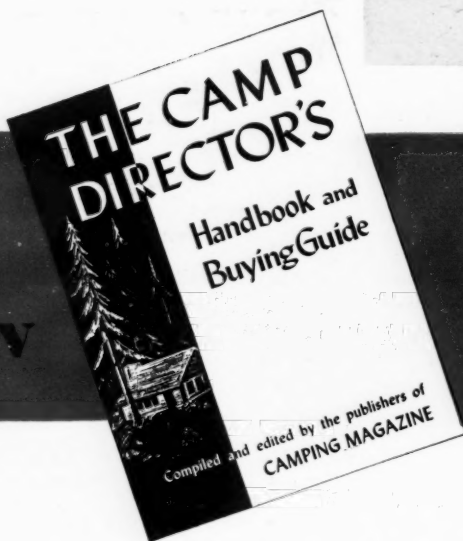
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